



Application No. 09/522,470
Art Unit: 2193

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Attorney Docket No.: 000267

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claim 7 is now pending in this application, claims 8 and 18 having been cancelled by the present amendment. Claims 8 and 18 were rejected. Claim 7 was allowed.

In view of the cancellation of claims 8 and 18 and the indication of allowability of claim 7, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 8 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by **Freeman** (USP 4,870,302).

In view of the cancellation of claims 8 and 18, the rejection under §102 is rendered moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and accompanying remarks, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection and an indication of allowability of all pending claims are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that there are issues remaining to be resolved in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite and complete prosecution of this case.


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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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